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1. CHINA

PEOPLE'S DAILY COMMENTARY WEDNESDAY ACCUSED SOVIET OF ARMED PROVOCATION AGAINST ZAIRE, WARNED MOSCOW COULD STIR UP WAR IN OTHER AFRICAN STATES APART FROM ANGOLA. PAPER DEVOTED WHOLE PAGE TO NEWS ITEMS, ARTICLES ATTACKING SOVIET (REUTER PEKING).

2. PHILIPPINES

ADDRESSING NATIONAL CONFERENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCILS, MARCOS SAYS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WILL NOT BE CONVENED LONG
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AS THERE IS MARTIAL LAW. MAINTAINED, 'WE ARE RECREATING

OUR COUNTRY, OUR SOCIETY. NEVER AGAIN WILL YOU BE ABLE TO SAY THAT THIS IS NOTHING BUT A GOVERNMENT OF POLITICIANS" (CHITRIB).

FILIPINOS WILL BOYCOTT FOURTH WORLD MEN'S SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP IN NZ, STARTING JAN 29, TO PROTEST SOUTH AFRICA'S PARTICIPATION, DEMONSTRATE MANILA'S -UNSWERVING STAND AGAINST APARTHEID.' CABLING PHIL'S FOREIGN OFFICE HIS DECISION, SOFTBALL ASSN PRES RODRIGUEZ DECLARED:

"WE ABIDE BY THE STAND TAKEN BY THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT NOT TO JOIN ANY TOURNAMENTS IN WHICH SOUTH AFRICA IS A PARTICIPANT" (UPI, NYT).

THREE SWEDISH FIRMS -- SALEN SHIPPING, SWEDISH MATCH, KEMANORD -- SIGN SERVICE CONTRACT WITH PHIL STATE PETROLEUM BOARD TO SEARCH FOR OIL IN 15,000-SQUARE KILOMETER AREA ON REED BANK IN SOUTH CHINA SEA (JOC).

3. JAPAN

JOC'S CULLISON CITES GOJ OFFICIALS, WHO SAID US, JAPAN PLAN OPEN NEGOTIATIONS IN WASHINGTON NEXT MONTH ON POSSIBLE REVISION OF BILATERAL CIVIL AIR AGREEMENT. INTEND DEMAND US AGREE PERMIT JAPANESE CARRIER SERVE CHICAGO, EXTEND BEYOND RIGHTS TO LATIN AMERICA. US EXPECTED SEEK INCREASE IN FLIGHTS TO JAPAN, FOLLOWING OPENING NEW NARITA INTL AIRPORT.

TOSHIBA SAID TUESDAY HOPES START MASS-PRODUCTION OF SOLAR-POWERED HOMES IN TWO, THREE YEARS (AFP, WP).

KYODO REPORTED TUESDAY THAT JAPANESE BUSINESS MISSION TO PEKING, LED BY SHIN-NIPPON STEEL CHAIRMAN INAYAMA, OFFERED IMPORT 10 MILLION TONS CHINESE CRUDE OIL ANNUALLY FOR FIVE YEARS BEGINNING 1977, IN EXCHANGE FOR STEEL EXPORTS, ON DEFERRED PAYMENT BASIS. WOULD INCREASE OIL IMPORTS TO 15 MILLION TONS OR MORE FOLLOWING FIVE YEARS (UPI, JOC).

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SHIN-NIPPON STEEL SPOKESMAN TOLD PRESS TUESDAY FIRM ASKED US COAL FIRM REDUCE PRICE FIVE DOLS/TON; MAY SUSPEND PURCHASES IF REQUEST NOT MET (UPI, JOC).

OVER WEEKEND, TOYOTA, NISSAN ANNOUNCED 1975 PRODUCTION, EXPORTS HIT RECORD HIGHS (UPI, JOC).

JOC (TOKYO) NOTES JAPANESE LIKELY REACT STRONGLY IF

IMPORT QUOTA OF 146,000 TONS IMPOSED ON SPECIFIED TYPES SPECIAL STEEL, AS RECOMMENDED TO PRES BY ITC JAN 17. FORD HAS 60 DAYS MAKE UP MIND. CEILING RELATIVELY INSIGNIFICANT, BUT VIEWED AS TEST CASE, WITH PROTECTIONIST IMPLICATIONS FOR OVERALL TRADE. US IMPORTED 163,000 TONS THESE SPECIAL STEELS IN 1974, WORTH 185 MILLION DOLS, AND ABOUT 180,000 TONS IN 1975, ONE THIRD FROM JAPAN, REST FROM CANADA, EC, SWEDEN.

US SEARCH PLANES SPOTTED EMPTY RAFT IN W PAC TUESDAY WHERE TWO SURVIVORS OF BERGE ISTRA PICKED UP TWO DAYS AGO (CHITRIB).

4. KOREA

PRES FORD SAID TUESDAY FY77 BUDGET, TO BE RELEASED TODAY, ASKS 28 PCT LESS FOR MIL AID THAN CURRENT BUDGET. HAS ELIMINATED PROPOSED 74 MILLION DOL GRANT AID FOR ROK, AIRCRAFT, OTHER ITEMS (REUTER, SUN).

DAVID GOODMAN FILES CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST MOTHER, UNCLE, SIX OTHERS, FOR ALLEGEDLY TRYING KIDNAP HIM AWAY FROM REV MOON ESTATE. BOND SET AT 5,000 DOLS (WP).

5. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

NYT'S ANDELMAN ON THAI-KHMER BORDER QUOTES INTELL SOURCES, REFUGEES THAT KR MOVING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS TO MORE SPARSELY POPULATED NW AREA, MAINLY BATTAM0ANG PROV. FORCED MIGRATION BEGAN LATE OCT. POSSIBLE REASONS ARE GREATER AVAILABILITY VACANT LAND, NEED DEVELOP AREAS, DESIRE BREAK UP ANTI-GOVT GROUPINGS THAT MIGHT BE UNCLASSIFIED

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FORMING. REPEATS STORIES OF HARDSHIPS ON MARCHES. NOTES SEVERAL HUNDRED CAMBODIANS ESCAPE INTO THAILAND WEEKLY. SAYS W DIPLOMAT 0ELIEVES NO DOUBT NEW COMMUNIST REGIME GETTING BETTER ORGANIZED, INCREASING CENTRAL CONTROL, MOVING EXCESS POPULATION TO WHERE MOST NEEDED. REPORTS STORY THAT GOVT CONCERNED CONFRONTATIONS BETWEEN VILLAGERS LOYAL TO SIHANOUK, GOVT OFFICIALS COULD BECOME SEED FOR RESISTANCE MOVEMENT.

FIRST PASSENGER TRAIN IN 10 YEARS GOES FROM SAIGON TO PHU CAT. SERVICE FIRST STEP IN SAIGON-HANOI RAIL LINK EXPECTED COMPLETE BY MID-YR (REUTER SAIGON).

6. NEW ZEALAND

BIG INFLUX PACIFIC ISLANDERS CREATES ADJUSTMENT PROBLEMS FOR WHITES, MAORIS (REUTER WELLINGTON).

7. GENERAL

IN OVERVIEW USG PER DIEM, CAUSEY (WP) NOTES SET AT 42 DOLS FOR FIJI; 47 DOLS AT SEOUL -- BUT 28 DOLS IN REST SK; 50 DOLS AT HK. WONDERS WHY RATE 22 DOLS IN PRC, BUT 40 DOLS IF ONE STAYS NEW WING PEKING HOTEL.

COMMENT AND ANALYSI;

8. JAPAN

WSJ STATES IMPORTANT DECISION BY JAPAN TO NEGOTIATE PEACE TREATY WITH PRC REVERSES FORMER POLICY OF MAINTAINING EQUIDISTANCE BETWEEN PRC, SOV, THUS REPRESENTS SERIOUS REBUFF MOSCOW. FINDS DECISION STANDS IN SHARP CONTRAST TO ONE BY WESTERN NATIONS AT HELSINKI LAST AUGUST, TO RATIFY SOVIET OCCUPATION OF EUR ON GROUNDS FAIT ACCOMPLI. NOTES SOV OCCUPATION OF NORTHERN ISLANDS ALSO FAIT ACCOMPLI, BUT JAPAN SEEMS WILLING PRESS FOR THEIR RETURN, IN EXCHANGE FOR TRADE, TECHNOLOGY. FINDS WORTH RECALLING FACT STRONG RESISTANCE BY TRUMAN, MACARTHUR TO LARGE SOV ROLE IN OCCUPATION JAPAN RESULTED IN BIRTH OF INDEPENDENT, DEMOCRATIC NATION, WHOSE RECENT STEADFASTNESS WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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REGARD TO PRC, RUSSIA, MIGHT BE LOOKED TO AS EXAMPLE REALISTIC APPROACH FOPOLICY, EVEN BY US.

CSM AUTO EDITOR DOLE, IN TWO-PAGE SPREAD, WEIGHS POSSIBILITIES SOME "FOREIGN" CARS MAY NOT BE FOREIGN-QUILT MUCH LONGER. REVIEWS SEARCH BY NISSAN, OTHERS, FOR SUITABLE US ASSEMBLY PLANT SITES. NISSAN CHAIRMAN KAWAMATA SAYS FIRM UNABLE GENERATE ENOUGH PROFITS TO INVEST IN US NOW, BUT HAS NOT ABANDONED PLANS DO SO.

9. KOREA

SUN'S SEIDEN, IN SEOUL, RECOUNTS GUARDED CONVERSATIONS WITH TWO FORMER POLITICAL PRISONERS, IN ATMOSPHERE WHERE, ACCORDING ONE KOREAN YOUTH, 'BIG BROTHER IS LISTENING.' DESCRIBE ARRESTS, INTERROGATIONS, MALTREATMENT IN PRISON AND DEMANDS THEY CONFESS BEING COMMUNIST AGENTS. ONE, RELEASED UNDER PARTIAL AMNESTY, CAN NEITHER RETURN TO SCHOOL NOR LEAVE COUNTRY, AND HIS FAMILY SAID KCIA WARNS EMPLOYERS NOT HIRE HIM. QUOTES FORECASTS BY BOTH THAT ANTI-GOVT DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT WILL REVIVE, EVEN THOUGH GOVT CONTROLS STRICT

AND NO DEMONSTRATIONS IN RECENT MONTHS. ONE SAID ACTION CONTINUES, UNDERGROUND -- WHEN TIME COMES WILL BE PART OF IT, IN HOPE OF ACHIEVING "SOMETHING LIKE THE AMERICAN SYSTEM.- OTHER WANTS END 'CAPITALIST IMPERIALISM" IN KOREA.

10. CHINA

NYT'S SULZBERGER NOTES JAN 21 MARKS OFFICIAL RETIREMENT AMB BRUCE. REVIEWING BRUCE CAREER, OBSERVES, "CHINA ALWAYS FASCINATED HIM.' SAYS BRUCE DECLINED WHEN EISENHOWER OFFERED HIM INDIAN EMBASSY, BUT SAID IF CHINA

EVER OPENED UP, THAT'S WHAT HE WANTED. HOLDS THAT HAD DEMOCRATS WON 1956 ELECTION, DEM BRUCE WOULD HAVE BEEN ANXIOUS GO TO PEKING. STATES THAT WHEN EVENTUALLY SENT, 'HE WAS FASCINATED BY MAO TSE-TUNG, CHOU (AND ABOVE ALL THE SIMPLICITY OF CHOU'S LIFE -- EXCEPT FOR A SUPERB CUISINE).' RECALLS BRUCE USED TO QUIP: "CHINA IS CAPTURING THE THIRD WORLD AT THE BANQUET TABLE."
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'UNCLE DUKE," 'S 'AMBASSADOR; TO PEKING, ARRIVES; MET BY HONOR GUARD (DOONESBURY WP, SUN). SISCO

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